

WOMAN'S WORK.

—The first woman's foreign missionary organization—the Society for Promoting Female Education in the East, of England—was founded in 1834. The first woman medical missionary was Dr. Clara Swain (Methodist Episcopal), who reached Bareilly, Northwest India, in 1870, and the work in which she was a pioneer is now carried on by not less than 75 of her sex.

—At the 32d annual meeting of the Union Woman's Missionary Society (the oldest in the United States), recently held, the treasurer's report showed the receipts for the past year to have been \$54,505 and the balance for 1891, \$1398. The expenditures for 1892 were \$47,581, leaving a balance of \$8322.

—Of the \$1,000,000 centennial offering proposed by the Baptist Missionary Union, the Woman's Society undertakes to raise one fifth part—\$200,000.

—The Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has 12 hospitals and dispensaries, in which, during the last year, some 35,000 women have received care. A girl, a Hindu waif, once in the Bareilly orphanage, has since received a medical education, and is now in charge of the woman's department of a government hospital. This society has promised Bishop Thoburn to raise the money required to educate 500 girls, at an annual cost for each of \$10.

—The Society of the Reformed (Dutch) Church maintains a library committee which has in charge to loan to auxiliaries a missionary library of some 50 volumes. Books can be kept two weeks. A catalogue is printed, giving the postage of each book. Every copy loaned contains that most impressive chart with figures, "A Mute Appeal in Behalf of Foreign Missions."

—The Daughters of Syria Society, of London, formed in 1860, has a training institution in Beyrout, with branch day schools for Mohammedans, Druzes, Jewesses, Oriental Christians, and Protestants, in Beyrout, Damascus,

Mount Lebanon, Baalbec, Tyre, etc., also schools for the blind and a staff of 31 Bible-women, hareem visitors, and Scripture readers. The number of schools is 29, with the highest entry of 3500 pupils. The sum needed for the maintenance of these various agencies is £6000 per annum.

—The Ladies' Association for the Support of Zenana Work and Bible-Women in India and China, in connection with the English Baptist Missionary Society, occupies 22 stations in India, with a staff of 56 zenana visitors and assistants, and 160 native Bible-women and school-teachers. There are 64 girls' schools. Representatives are to be sent this year to China. The expenditure was £8600, and an increase of £1200 is urgently called for.

—Herr von Donner, of Hamburg, believing his wife's recovery from a dangerous illness to be due to the skilful treatment of Dr. Michelsen, a woman physician, has given \$500,000 to found a woman's hospital in her honor in that city.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—According to a catalogue recently published, the library of the British Museum contains copies of 2700 different editions of the Bible, and complete Bibles in about 90 tongues.

—Yet again does Saul appear among the prophets, for the London *Times* comes to the defence of missionaries in China. It says: "The only real interpreter of the thought and progress of the West to the millions of China is the missionary; and when we remember that European knowledge of China is derived almost wholly from the works of missionaries, we may fairly say that these men stand as interpreters between the East and the West. As to the charity, we can only answer that China had no efficient hospitals or medical attendance until the missionaries established them, and, in truth, she has no other now; and when her great men, such as Li Hung Chang and Prince Chun, are in serious danger, they have to go to the